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Public Statement Regarding ING Settlement

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Dear Plan Participant,

In recent weeks, many active and retired state employees have called the Bureau wanting to know the status of the ING settlement funds. The Bureau continues to work toward finalizing a plan of distribution of the \$2.775 million in settlement funds. Presently, the Bureau is in the process of resolving several legal questions related to the distribution. The settlement money is currently earning interest so that the distribution funds will not lose interest earning value during this process of resolution. When these issues are resolved, the plan of distribution will be announced.

Sincerely,

The N.H. Bureau of Securities Regulation